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Venus transit draws crowd to witness rare astronomical event



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Local children observe the Venus transit phenomenon on Tuesday near Ward Hall. As Venus moved across the face of the Sun, attendees tracked its progress indirectly to avoid eye damage.

Once-in-a-lifetime occurrence peaks interests of students, **Manhattan residents**

Karen Ingram edge editor/online editor

A mixed crowd of more than 100 onlookers gathered outside of Weber Hall to witness a rare astronomical event on Tuesday. Scientists, students, faculty and families with children all came to watch the planet Venus cross the face of the Sun, something that will not be seen again until the year 2117.

The event was sponsored by the department of physics and the North Central Kansas Astronomical Soci-

"It's good for the kids to see," said Chris Sorensen, university distinguished pro-fessor in physics. "We'll never see another one, none of us." Sorensen helped to organize and raise awareness of the event. In his hands, he

held a book on astronomy he had found in an abandoned farmhouse during a Boy Scout camping trip in In the back of the book is

a table with all of the Venus transits and as a child, Sorensen wondered what he, and the world, would be like when the transits of 2004 and 2012 occurred.

Telescopes were set up to show the sun on large white notebooks, since looking directly at the sun is dangerous. The bright, round sphere of the sun shone on the notebook with dark spots where sunspots were occurring on the surface of the sun.

At approximately 5:05 p.m., a tiny dimple appeared at the top of the sphere as Venus began to pass between the Earth and the Sun. First contact had been made.

Viewers watched as the dimple grew larger and larger, until it became clear that it, too, was a round shape. As Venus came close to second contact — the point at which it is completely visible — the shadows began to play with one another, creating an elongated teardrop shape.

Sorensen told observers the same effect could be observed by putting their hands close to their faces and slowly bringing their thumbs and forefingers together. Before they actually touch, they appear to merge — a trick of light and shadow, he said.

Jenny Murdock, Manhattan resident and teacher at Northview Elementary School, attended the event with her 3-year-old daughter, Katelynn, and her 9-year-old nephew, Josh. They took pictures of the telescopes and settled in the shade to look

at them. Murdock said she had seen Haley's Comet as a



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Observers at the event were able to reflect the light from the telescopes onto a white background. The small dot just inside the ring shows Venus in front of the Sun.

child and thought the children would enjoy the Venus transit. Josh, in particular, was interested in science

and recently participated in

a yearlong science project with Odyssey of the Mind, an educational program for children from kindergarten through college.

Josh said he liked observing the transit of Venus, but his favorite planet in the solar

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Sunset Zoo reveals Nature Exploration Center addition to public



Ashlev Freeland I Collegian

Sunset Zoo's new gibbon exhibit features Leslie, a 16-yearold female transferred from North Carolina, and Dempsey, an 11-year-old male (not pictured).

Wildlife center to introduce three new animals this summer

Norma Dunning

Many people who visit the Sunset Zoo find a place in which they can learn more about the natural world. In the last couple of months, the wildlife sanctuary has attempted to bring its visitors a more educational and inspirational experience.

În April, Sunset Zoo opened the John Woodard Memorial Gibbons Exhibit and introduced the Nature Exploration Center to the public on Sunday, June 3.

According to the zoo's website, the exploration center houses an interactive distance learning lab, expanded educational offerings, a year-round gift shop and ticket booth, and provides space for private events.

For the zoo, the expansion has been a continuous project since 1998, when the zoo staff realized the need for the 15,500-square-foot structure.

"The Nature Exploration Center gives us state-of-theart informal science education space," said Scott Shoemaker, zoo director. "We can do more education programming, more varied programming, reaching more people. Our education programs are designed to try and inspire conservation of the natural world, so this space will

help us achieve our mission." Shoemaker said the expansion also made economic sense, saying that he hoped the facility's versatility would help the zoo recover the funds from their

initial investment. "It also has some multipurpose spaces in it that can be rented for various activities, which should help generate revenue that will benefit the zoo,"

The opening ceremony revealed the new additions to the general public and continued fundraising efforts.

"Because of the tie to the new facility, we've paired this evening with the public grand opening to offer donors and supporters a special sneak peek before we

"A young snow leopard male is currently completing the quarantine process and should be viewable in the outdoor exhibit in June."

Ella Casey marketing and development officer at Sunset Zoo

debut to the public the next day," said Ella Casey, marketing and development officer at Sunset Zoo. "The event's VIP reception will take place in the new facility and then general admission will be throughout the zoo. All Wine in the Wild guests will be invited to check out the new facility as

they exit the zoo that evening." Wine in the Wild, which is an annual fundraiser hosted by the organization Friends of Sunset Zoo, has raised some of the revenue that funded the new expansions. Because of their

extensive support, Wine in the Wild guests were invited to receive a behind-the-scenes look at the new additions.

"All the proceeds from this event since its inception five years ago are going to help support the new Nature Exploration Center," Shoemaker said. "This event not only raises funds for zoo projects but also raises awareness of the zoo in the community as well as raises friends for the zoo."

Although Friends of Sunset Zoo and the proceeds from Wine in the Wild have helped to bring about the new Nature Exploration Center, there have been other sources of income.

'The project has been funded through a combination of sales tax, donations and grants," Shoemaker said.

With the ever-growing facilities, three new animals will be presented to the public within the coming months.

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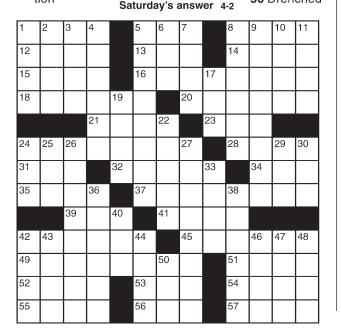


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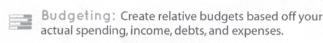
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5 ways to stick to your summer budget, increase savings



With the balmy breeze of June in full motion, students will have the opportunity to take advantage of the laidback atmosphere of the summer months.

Whether that involves taking classes, finding a job, working an internship or traveling, K-Staters face the exciting prospect of taking a break from the daily grind of the school semester.

Here are five ways to stick

to your summer budget so that the weekends at the lake, summer barbecues and other summertime festivities don't take a toll on your wallet.

1. Find inexpensive ways to have fun

Hanging out with your friends doesn't always have to involve a midnight outing to Aggieville. Not every form of entertainment involves spending loads of money; sometimes you have to just stay home and watch a

However, there are plenty of cheap ways to enjoy your summer outdoors. Packing sandwiches and heading out to Tuttle Creek for a weekend of camping, going down to Pillsbury Crossing for a

swim or hiking in the Konza Prairie are just a few ways to save money, be active and enjoy the beautiful sunny weather.

2. Don't let the money change your spending

When students have summer jobs, all of a sudden many of them are able to work 40 plus hours a week. More hours mean bigger paychecks, and unfortunately, bigger paychecks usually equate to more money spent.

If you set a strict budget for yourself regardless of the amount of money you are making, you avoid unnecessary expenditures. The more you can save or spend constructively, the better.

3. Include savings in your

Too often, the concept of savings is an afterthought for students.

Between school expenses, general living costs, entertainment expenses and other miscellaneous expenditures, many students have little or no money left over at the end of the month to save for a rainy day.

If you build in your savings amount into your total budget, however, you are guaranteed to have a set percentage of your savings set aside for eventualities.

Customize your savings plan according to your financial goals; a value of around 20 percent can give you a starting point.

4. Avoid impulse purchases

How many times have we all walked into a store with the intent of buying one item, and walked out with a basket full of other random items? Impulse shopping is what many businesses try to provoke their customers into doing.

As a consumer, however, we have to learn how to be smarter than that. In essence, you almost have to develop tunnel vision; go into the store, buy what you need and get out.

Strategically shopping like this will help you avoid spending money on the fly.

5. Look for summer bargains Many businesses offer summer specials that can

help you save a ton of money. Even though holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas are more well known for their bargain deals, waiting for a Fourth of July sale could help you get similar prices.

The summer is also a good time to think ahead. Many stores have winter clothes and equipment on clearance due to the seasonal nature of such items, so if you know you'll need a new coat this winter, now might be the time to get it. It's never too late to start stocking up on those items so that your winter shopping isn't too burdensome.

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Summer jobs offer source of income, convenience for K-Staters

Darrington Clark

Students at K-State can choose from several options to decide what to do with their summer. Some students turn to athletics, others to summer camps, while some students take the opportunity to continue their education.

Perhaps the most popular option for students is summer work. Businesses with "Now Hiring" signs welcome many students once the spring semester ends.

Students can look anywhere for a summer job, but there are many factors to consider when looking to stay in Manhattan for work in between semesters.

"I decided to stay because

of the freedom that summer entails," said Taylor Cabine, sophomore in architecture and server at Applebee's. "I wanted a job to better enjoy that freedom, because we all know that you can do any-

thing without money." Looking for jobs in Manhattan also provides a convenience for students who are settled and prefer not to move away again for the summer.

Jeremy Davis, sophomore in open option and server at Applebee's, found that working in Manhattan was economical and convenient.

"A pro for me was that it was convenient," Davis said. "There was no packing involved."

Davis and Cabine agreed that working as a server with tips was the best way to receive a usable flow of good

"I think summer job money is a good help to build a foundation after graduation. That way, I won't be totally broke once I'm done."

> **Travis Fritson** junior in architecural engineering

Getting jobs in Manhattan does not come without its negative aspects, however, Davis said.

"There's always that stage you go through at a new job," Davis said. "Getting used to everything can just suck sometimes."

While students are encouraged to take advantage of all the student aid they can be offered, summer jobs provide an alternate way to pay college tuition.

The pay out that comes from working during the summer working is used more for personal student needs as opposed to college expenditures, said Travis Fritson, junior in architec-

tural engineering.
"I work over the summer for my personal stuff," Frit-son said. "My parents help me a lot with college payment, so I'm very lucky there."

Personal use does not always mean spending money on the here and now, according to Fritson.
"I think summer job

money is a good help to build a foundation after gradua-tion," Fritson said. "That way, I won't be totally broke once I'm done."

Students like Cabine may count college tuition as one of their personal reasons for working.

"I also got my job to help alleviate the cost of my tuition next semester," Cabine said. "But the main reason I wanted to stay here and working was because of the complete freedom of living in an apartment with my best

Personal money earned by

working during the summer is only as useful as how it is budgeted. Cabine and David have similar techniques to make sure that their earned money doesn't go to waste.

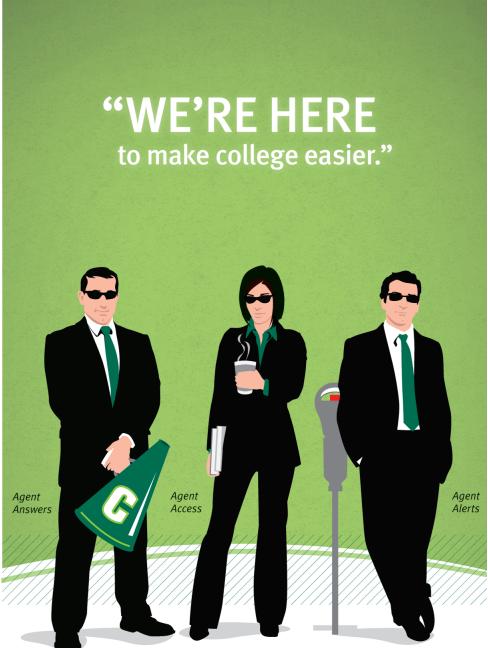
Davis said he sets a fixed monthly amount to spend on various items, and also makes his savings profitable.

"I make sure I don't spend more that \$100 a month," he

College students on a budget can utilize strategies like the ones Cabine and Davis use to make one summer job as economically profitable as it can be.

"I try not to go overboard with spending," Cabine said. "I set aside a certain amount of money that I can spend per

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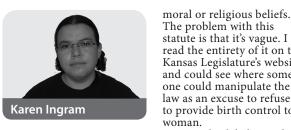
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Kansas health care bill could restrict access to birth control

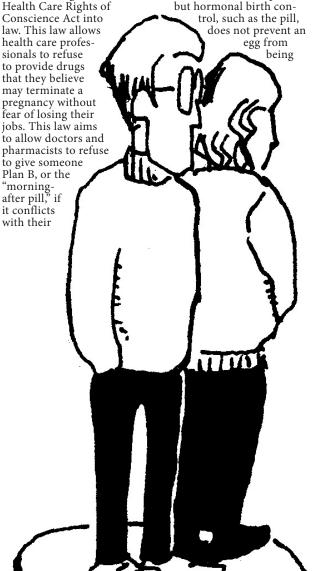


On May 14, Governor

Brownback signed the

The problem with this statute is that it's vague. I read the entirety of it on the Kansas Legislature's website and could see where someone could manipulate the law as an excuse to refuse to provide birth control to a woman. Brownback believes that

life should be protected at the moment of conception, but hormonal birth control, such as the pill,



fertilized. Instead, it prevents the fertilized egg from attaching itself to the wall of the uterus. Plan B works exactly the same way and is made of the same synthetic hormone as many hormonal birth control products, levonorgestrel; only stronger so that it acts quicker. Therefore, a doctor or pharmacist or other health care provider could refuse to provide birth control to any woman on the basis that it causes a "microabortion."

Before I proceed, I want to make something clear: I do not like abortion, but I am pro-choice. I call myself pro-choice because I believe birth control is a good thing and should not be restricted from women. I am disgusted by people who have multiple abortions and late-term abortions because of simple carelessness, but I do not believe a fertilized egg is a human being any more than I believe "Twilight" is literature. Those who disagree with me on that point are welcome to do so, but denying birth

control to women is a bad idea and I have plenty of evidence to back that argument up.

Consider Romania, a country where birth control was banned in 1966 by thendictator Nicolae Ceausescu as a deliberate attempt to increase the population. He got his wish, with disastrous consequences. Within a year, women were abandoning infants in hospitals by the thousands. Orphanages and the foster care system were quickly overwhelmed and abandoned children began turning up in the streets.

To this day, Romania has an alarmingly high number of homeless children who face violence, drugs, rape and prostitution every day of their lives. The same could happen here in the U.S. if people like Brownback have their way. We may have survived without hormonal birth control in the past — indeed, the pill was only first approved by

the FDA in 1960 — but the culture and climate of this country has changed drastically in those few decades. Shotgun weddings are down while divorce rates are up, and we can no longer afford to revert to a nation without birth control.

People who want to ban birth control, abortion or both, argue that unwanted children should be put up for adoption, but this is not a viable solution anymore. Adoption rates have been declining since the 1970s, partly due to abortion being legalized, but a factor to consider in modern America that was not around during our pre-birth control, prelegalized abortion era is fertility treatments.

Along with scientific advancements in preventing pregnancy, we have also found new ways to conceive. I have spoken to many people who have spent thousands of dollars on expensive fertility treatments and asked them why they

underwent these procedures instead of adopting a child who needs a home. The answer is invariably the same: because they wanted their own child, not someone else's.

Banning or restricting birth control and abortion means unwanted children abandoned by their parent/s must compete with fertility treatments. Both adoption and fertility treatments are expensive. Adoption can range from \$5,000 to \$40,000 according to adoption.com while fertility treatments, depending upon the type of procedure, can range anywhere from \$50 per month for Clomiphene pills to between \$8,000 and \$15,000 for in vitro fertilization. As you can see,

fertility treatments are generally cheaper than adoption and likely involve far less paperwork and red tape. If you rely upon adoption for the increase in unwanted children, you will quickly lose the battle. Or, I should say, the children will lose.

For those of you who don't support Planned Parenthood because you claim you don't want your taxpayer money spent on birth control or abortions, consider the sort of things your money would be spent on if birth control and abortions were banned; an increased homeless and poverty-stricken population means spending more money on law enforcement because of the increase in crime, not to mention more money on prisons because of the increased incarceration rates (ill-advised, since our prisons are already overflowing), more money on welfare programs and soup kitchens and even more money on health care.

Can our struggling economy support an explosion in poverty rates because of poor people coping with unwanted children and because of homeless children living on the streets? I'd rather not find out.

Is abortion morally questionable? Of course it is. I'm not saying it isn't. Is birth control morally questionable? If you bélieve a fertilized egg is a human being, then you could argue that birth control is wrong because of the "micro-abortions" caused.

But which is the lesser of two evils: a \$50 pill that prevents a fertilized egg from staying inside the womb, or subjecting thousands of children to abandonment, abuse, prostitution and misery? Given those options, I

say let women have access to birth control. And yes, I must even reluctantly say abortion should be a legal option for women. Some things are worse than death.

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John Edwards prosecution unnecessary, unjust



Should the federal government of the United States be able to tell you how much money your friends can give you? That, more than anything, appears to be the issue at the center of the John

Edwards corruption trial. It seems there is a great deal of misunderstanding about what John Edwards was actually being charged with. He was not being charged with having an affair (although he did and fathered a child as well) and it's not actually illegal to hide an affair using campaign money, so long as that campaign money was received legitimately. Individuals are allowed to contribute up to \$2,300 to a campaign. Edwards is actually being charged with getting too much money from two of his

donors. Edwards' defense was that he would have gotten that money regardless of whether or not he was actually running a campaign, so it wasn't actually a campaign contribution. His lawyers argued that he wasn't trying to hide the affair from the public, he was really just trying to keep it a secret from

Edwards' argument is probably a lie, but the fact is, the government really can't prove what exactly he was thinking at the time. The book "Game Change," by John Heilemann and Mark Halperin, portrays Edwards' wife, Elizabeth, as a volatile and often very angry woman. It's not impossible that he may have genuinely been scared about her finding out about the length and

breadth of the affair. Admittedly, Edwards probably wanted to keep the affair secret from the public too, but here's the thing: we don't know. We can't know. Edwards'

thoughts are his own and it's not the government's job to try to determine what those thoughts actually are. If there's any reason to believe he's actually telling the truth – and I think there is then that's reasonable doubt and he should be found not

That's exactly what happened. As many of you probably already know, John Edwards was recently found not guilty of one criminal charge and a mistrial was declared on the other five counts. There is significant discussion about whether or not he should be retried. This discussion is, quite frankly, foolish. John

may be a scumbag, but he's not a criminal.

Getting into speculation about what Edwards' motivations were at the time masks the bigger issue in this trial: the laws themselves are unjust. Even if Edwards got the money with the intention of keeping his affair secret from the public, is there really a reason for that to be illegal? Is there really a reason that the government needs to spend time and

money to put him in a cage? This money was not stolen, no one is arguing that. By all accounts, Edwards' donors gave this money to him willingly. There's no indication

that there was ever a quid pro quo either. These donors were self-described friends of Edwards who wanted to support his campaign. If they wanted to give him more than \$2,300, why shouldn't

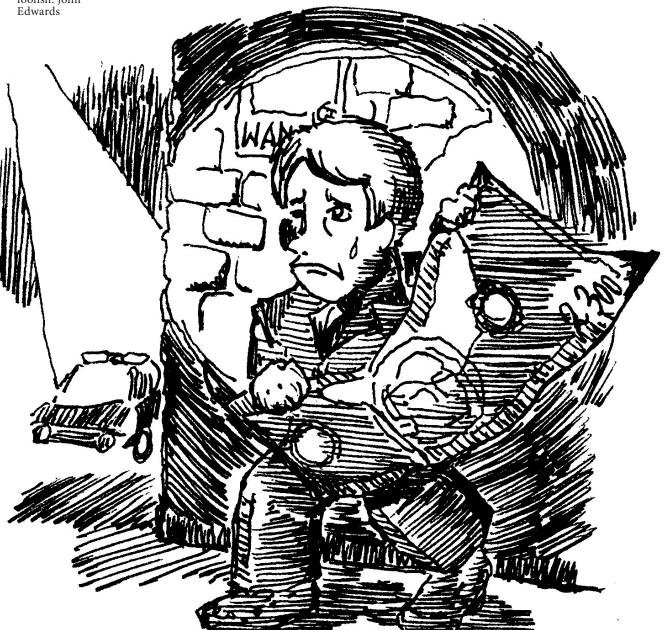
they be able to? In a trial, we often focus too much on whether or not someone is guilty. That sounds obvious, but why don't we focus more on whether or not the laws themselves are just? Is there really a pressing need to put someone in jail because they spent too much campaign money (Edwards), lied to the FBI (Rod Blagojevich) or smoked marijuana

recreationally (too many to

name)? The simple fact is, we put far too many people in prison in this country for things that really don't matter. Edwards may be a scumbag, but he's a scumbag who didn't really hurt anyone. And if he didn't hurt anyone, what right do we have to put him in a cage?

The answer is simple: we don't have that right. The prosecution needs to drop this mummer's farce while they still can.

Joshua Madden is a non-degreeseeking graduate student. Please send comments to opinion@ kstatecollegian.com.



STREET TALK

How do you think summer classes are going so far?

"They're good, but too long."

Jaccare Givens junior, public relations

"They're going all right. Nobody likes getting up that early in the morning."

> **Jevon Davis** senior, graphic design, photography and English

"Good, considering they just

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"Boring, because there's nothing to do in the afternoons." **Daniel Zhang**

freshman, electrical

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"As good as summer classes could possibly go. Not very exciting."

> **Curry Sexton** sophomore, business marketing

"If I was taking some, they'd probably be going pretty well."

> William Razey incoming freshman, plant pathology

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'Zombie attack' likely caused by designer drug Bath Salts

edge editor/online editor

A bizarre crime captured the nation's attention on May 26 when 31-year-old Rudy Eugene attacked a homeless man in Miami and ate his face. According to the Huffington Post, Eugene was naked and ignored police when ordered to stop, except to growl at them, and they were forced to shoot and kill him. The victim, identified as 65-year-old Ronald

Poppo, lost his nose, lips,

cheeks and one of his eyes.

the world would cause a man to strip naked and eat somebody's face off? The obvious answer to many: he was a zombie. In fact, one of the witnesses, Larry Vega, was quoted by the New York Daily News as saying, "The guy, he was like a zombie, blood dripping, it was intense. The closest thing I've seen to it? 'The Walking However, no rage virus

was responsible for Eugene's attack. Instead, authorities believe he was under the influence of something more nefarious: a drug known as

Bath Salts. The designer drug methylenedioxypyrovalerone, or MDPV, is also known as "Ivory

"Vanilla Sky" and "Bliss" but is more commonly referred to as Bath Salts. MDPV is a fairly new drug, having only come into popularity in the last few years, but it has been growing in use across the globe with disastrous consequences.

Because it is so new, it was not illegal in the U.S. at first and was sold in convenience stores and head shops, much like the synthetic drug K2 was a couple of years ago, but the DEA took emergency measures to issue a temporary one-year ban on the three chemicals used to

manufacture it on Oct. 21, 2011. According to a press release issued by the DEA, it is illegal to possess or sell the chemicals used to make Bath Salts or the products that contain them and they are classified as Schedule I substances, like heroin or Ecstacy. During this one-year ban, the DEA and the Department of Health and Human Services will whether these chemicals

gerous, causing rapid heartbeat, high blood pressure, increased body temperature and other physical symptoms, but the psychological side effects perhaps even

conduct studies to determine should be permanently MDPV is extremely danto experience confusion, paranoia, psychotic delusions and suicidal thoughts and actions that last for an unusually long time after the drug has left the system. A July 16, 2011, New

Users have been reported

York Times article by Abby Goodnough and Katie Zezima stated that hospitals across the country have seen a growing number of patients who have taken the drug with dangerously high fevers, violent tempers and superhuman strength. Web MD reports that sedatives are often ineffective to calm these people down, and general anesthesia has been

needed in some cases. "If you take the worst attributes of meth, coke, PCP,

LSD and Ecstasy and put them



together, that's what we're seeing sometimes," said Mark Ryan, director of the Louisiana Poison Center, to the New York Times. He also said the paranoia continued in some people more than six months after use.

Yeah, this stuff will make you literally go crazy. How crazy? The unfortunate faceeating incident in Miami is only one of many examples. The Times article cited earlier mentioned a woman in West Virginia who scratched herself "to pieces" over the course of several days because she believed something was under her skin. A March 25 article by the Huffington Post detailed a "partially naked" man who was hit by a car then assaulted bystanders who tried to help him. By the time he was finally subdued, 10 police officers had to be treated for blood exposure and three had to go to the hospital, one with a broken arm and head injuries. Kansas has seen a number of incidents, too. A University of Kansas student died in Wichita in December 2010 when he tried Bath Salts and leaped into the traffic on Interstate 135 near Salina.

The moral of the story is, of course, don't use drugs, but more specifically, avoid Bath Salts like the zombie plague itself. This is one of the scariest drugs imaginable. If you find yourself considering Bath Salts, ask yourself if you want to strip naked and run into traffic or eat a man's face. Of course you don't. Have a chocolate . milkshake instead.

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Must-see film 'The Dead' a refreshing departure from zombie stereotypes

"The Dead"

**** Movie review by Karen Ingram

I'll get straight to the point: Jon and Howard Ford have set the bar for all zombie movies to come. "The Dead" is one of the best zombie films I have I'll get straight to the point: Jon and Howard Ford have set the bar for all zombie movies to come. "The Dead" is one of the best zombie films I have ever seen, and you must watch it.

The 2010 film takes place in western Africa, where the last plane full of survivors seeking to escape the zombie apocalypse crashes off the coast, leaving Lt. Brian Murphy (Rob Freeman) the sole survivor, stranded in a vast and hostile landscape. He forms an uneasy alliance with an African soldier, Sgt. Daniel Dembele (Prince David Osei), who deserted his post to find his son. The African landscape is amazing, both abysmal and breathtakingly beautiful.

I found the zombies to be genuinely creepy, but it took me a while to figure out why: Most zombie movies in recent years show the creatures snarling or otherwise acting aggressive, but these are more like automatons. They seem almost bored as they walk over to their victims and begin snacking on them. It was so unusual and unexpected, it

unnerved me. The only deviation from this behavior is during the "shocker" moments when an unseen zombie pops up out of the shadows to attack someone (and startle the audience), but this only happens a couple of times during the film. For the most part, the Ford brothers



Zombies from the 2010 film "The Dead" differ from typical Hollywood zombies; relatively expressionless and slow-moving, these African zombies are more prone to snacking calmly than feeding ferociously.

relied upon suspense rather than horror or pure shock, and I rather liked this change of pace. It's utter torture to watch a completely silent zombie sneak up on somebody.

The zombies do not run, but shuffle along slowly. However, they are given to short bursts of speed when they close in on a target and tend to travel and attack en masse. This, combined with their relentlessness, makes them very dangerous. The heroes battle dehydration, starvation and fatigue. Stopping for more than a few minutes means death, so the two struggle to keep moving, giving the film an ongoing feeling of desperation.

One criticism: there was not much in the way of special features. I got this DVD out of a Redbox, though, so I don't know if the same holds true if you buy it. If you are a fan of commentary, however, you're in for a treat. The Ford brothers offer lots of tidbits about the making of the film, including the many, many problems that plagued production: heat exhaustion, malaria, weather, injuries, dealing with locals, even sabotage. If something

could go wrong, it did, and usually more than once. My favorite part was hearing about how their film helped out the locals. All of the zombie and survivor extras hired were day laborers from local villages and amputee beggars found on the streets — people used to subsisting on very little money. They got paid way more than they were used to for far less

work and a free meal. It made them very enthusiastic and grateful to work on the film. All in all, it's an amazing film about survival, friendship and hope. And zombies, of course. Lots of zombies. Five

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out of five stars.

Classic Mark Twain novel 'Huckleberry Finn' reworked to include zombies

"Adventures of **Huckleberry Finn and** Zombie Jim" ****

Book review by Karen Ingram

There are many classic novels out there reworked to include zombies, vampires and other creatures. I finally broke down and decided to try out "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and Zombie Jim" by Mark Twain and W. Bill

Czolgosz. Czolgosz has taken con-

temporary zombie lore and blended it seamlessly with the original Twain novel, adding his own bits of tweaked history and additions. For example, the story takes place in the 1830s, but slavery has been abolished for 10 years - long before it was abolished in our world. Instead, people own

zombies. The zombies are frequently referred to as "baggers" in reference to the method used to determine if they are tame enough to be used for work. When someone dies of the

"pox," they are put into a

bag and tied up. When they return from the dead, if they display aggression, they are put down. Thus, the offensive "nword" has been replaced with "bagger." Changing slavery from live humans to dead ones makes for some really interesting discussion and interpreta-

The book remains pretty true to the original text at first, but the story gets progressively darker as Huck and Bagger Jim sail down the Mississippi River in search of freedom and Czolgosz deviates more and more from Twain. The pox

claims more and more lives as unclaimed baggers roam the woods, becoming more and more aggressive. Soon there are stories of zombies banding together and attacking villages in organized groups, devouring everyone within. Huck even worries from time to time that Bagger Jim, who confesses that he is afflicted with the "hunger," might turn on him. Without giving too much away, let's just say he isn't always successful in fighting his hunger.

Characters die who did not die in the original story (or die differently), a huge (and

boring) section regarding the Duke and the Dauphin is cut short, a new character is introduced to replace them and the end of the story is drastically different and ambivalent.

After a bit of a slow start, the pace picks up. It's not a fantastic read, but it's intriguing and I had trouble putting it down at times. All in all, I give "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and Zombie Jim" 3 1/2 out of 5 stars.

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Manhattan city commission rules social services petition invalid

Laura Thacker managing editor

Since last fall, the local group Save Our Social Services has been collecting signatures for a petition to secure funding from the Manhattan City Commission for groups like The Manhattan Crisis Center and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Manhattan. On Tuesday, the Manhattan City Commission ruled in a 4-1 vote that the petition and the group's proposed ordinance were not eligible for the referendum process because they are administrative in nature, not legislative.

S.O.S. collected 1,500 certified signatures for the petition, which moved that the commission either adopt a three-part ordinance or put it up for public vote. The ordinance proposed that the Social Services Advisory Board continue to make recommendations about which services should receive support, that at least 2 percent of the general fund is spent on social services every year and that funds be carried over if all the yearly allocated funds are not spent.

According to Katharine Jackson, city attorney, the legal framework of the ordinance is based on existing law instead of creating groundwork for a new law, making it ad-

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FRIDAY, JUNE 1

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Jessica Elizabeth Carter, of the 1000 block of Humboldt Street, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license.

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was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.

ministrative, and thus invalid.

Mayor Loren Pepperd and commissioners Wynn Butler, Rich Jankovich and John Matta agreed with the legal council, while commissioner and former mayor James Sherow dissented.

"If I'm going to err, then let me err on the side of putting this before the public."

James Sherow city commissioner

Sherow said he was not sure if the petition was either fully legislative or fully administrative, and did not feel like he could make that decision.

"I don't think it's up to me to decide this," Sherow said. "If I'm going to err, then let me err on the side of put-

ting this before the public."
S.O.S. claimed that the petition was indeed legislative, as it was based on an existing resolution, not an ordinance or law.
Most chairs in the City Commission Room were full, and the audience spilled into the overflow area.
During the public com-

ment session, Debbie Nuss and Geri Simon, co-chairs of S.O.S., gave a presentation about the petition and ordinance.

Several attendees also spoke out concerning the petition; 10 supported the petition and urged the commission to do the same and two disagreed with the petition, saying the ordinance is unnecessary.

Much of the controversy focused on the portion of the ordinance proposing the use of 2 percent of the general budget for social services funding, which S.O.S. said was approximately the average proportion that has been used in past years.

Butler pointed out that as the general fund rises yearly, so will the money going into social services. He also mentioned that he did not support completely cutting funding for social services but wished to look for alternative ways to fund services.

Matta agreed, saying he disagreed with forcing people to pay for these services and that he had faith that the community would take care of the people.

Existing funds, such as the Special Alcohol Fund, were cited as sources of support, as well as existing volunteer organizations, such as a local church with a weekend breadbasket.

Marolyn Caldwell,

one of those who spoke.
"Would any of you be willing to take in a homeless person?"

Caldwell asked. "I have."

She and others said there is a dire need for social service support in Manhattan "Look into your hearts,"

Caldwell said. "We need to

help people sometimes."

Caldwell also spoke at the public comments portion at the beginning of the meeting. She said because of the commission's decision to remove sexual orientation and gender identity from Manhattan's non-discrimination ordinance a year ago, her son no longer felt comfortable living in Manhattan, and she had put her home on the market that morning.

Michael Bidwell also spoke about the non-discrimination ordinance on behalf of the Flint Hills Human Rights Project, sharing his experiences with bullying while in high school in Manhattan and his subsequent decision to return to Manhattan when he learned that sexual orientation and gender identity had been added as protected classes.

When this was overturned, he said he was forced to disclose his sexual orientation in a job interview in order to avoid being fired later. He encouraged the commission to re-introduce discussion about the non-discrimination ordinance and pointed out that Salina, Lawrence and, most recently, Hutchinson, Kan., all have ordinances of their own protecting against discrimination due to sexual orientation, putting Manhattan behind these cities in terms of marketability.

Both of the speeches were met with applause from the audience. The meeting began at 7 p.m. with the presentation of a Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Of-

ficers Association. This was the

14th consecutive year that Man-

"Would any of you be willing to take in a homeless person? I have. ... Look into your hearts. We need to help people

> Marolyn Caldwell Manhattan resident

The commission also issued a proclamation asserting that the annual Juneteenth Celebration will take place on June 16. Monique King, event coordina-

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tor, received the proclamation, then discussed the many events taking place, including a parade, a gospel music festival and a film.

All items on the consent agenda were passed but one, which involves the establishment of a no parking zone along the south side of the 2000 block of College Heights Road, which was tabled until a later date when a homeowner voiced concerns.

The commission also passed a motion to go ahead with the construction of a mixed-use building in Lot 4 of the Downtown Entertainment District, located near the intersection of Colorado Street and South Fourth Street, in the northwest corner of the parking lot of the Hilton Garden Inn. Although the motion passed 5-0, the commissioners shared concerns about congested parking in the downtown area.

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"We need a new downtown
parking plan," Pepperd said.
At the end of the meeting, many
attendees were unhappy with the
commissioner's decision involv-

ing the social services petition.

"I applaud former Mayor
Sherow for being the lone voice
for the people," said Susan
Gerth, Manhattan resident.

"I'm appalled by the callousness
of some of the commissioners and their failure to do what
is right for the community."

THE BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

Damien Jon Norby, of St. George, Kan., was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Justin Alexis Brooks, of the 400 block of Wreath Avenue, was booked for unlawful possession of hallucinogens. Bond was set at \$500.

Amie A. Tholstrup, of the 4400 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$500.

Devoris Antoine Newson, of the 1200 block of Poyntz Avenue, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,500.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Corin Vashoun White, of the 300 block of Knoxberry Drive, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Troy Anthony Straub, of the 1300 block of Pillsbury Drive, was booked for domestic battery, battery and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Rusty Glenn Taylor, of Manhattan, was booked for two counts of probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Joshua Thomas Routh, of Alma, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$30.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

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summer needs.

Jacob Joseph Berry, of Riley, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

Jade Elizabeth Hoover, of Junction City, was booked for driving under the influence and driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1.500.

Justin Trent Leach, of Junction City, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Efrain Lincoln Castro Jr., of Manhattan, was booked for failure to appear. No bond was listed.

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Mary Renee Shirk, of the 1700 block of Leavenworth Street, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Sarah Breanne Simkulet, of Highland Drive, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Catlin Wayne Zahorsky, of the 1700 block of Winne Drive, was booked for driving under the influence and driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$2,250.

MONDAY, JUNE 4

Yaser Abdulmana A Alhamadi, of the 2100 block of Prairie Glen Place, was booked for two counts of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,000

Adam Blaine Williams, of the 200 block of Ridge Drive, was booked for driving under the influence, reckless driving, driving with a canceled suspended or revoked license and accident involving damage to vehicle or property. Bond was set at \$3,750.

Joshua Ryan Medicinebird, of the 2900 block of Zeandale Drive, was booked for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Russell Luis Allen Jr., of the 600 block of Vattier Street, was booked for felony theft. Bond was set at \$1,000.

George Patton Foxworth Jr., of Junction City, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Christopher John Magochy, of the 1500 block of Hartford Road, was booked for unlawful possession of hallucinogens. Bond was set at

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

Edward Anthony Cain Jr., of the 100 block of Butterfield Road, was booked for violation protection of protection orders. Bond was set at \$1,000

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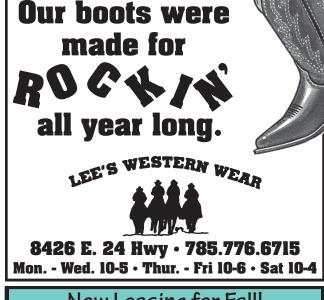
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Chemical spill sends six faculty members to hospital

Caroline Sweeney staff writer

Mosier Hall was the site of a nitric acid spill on June 1, which resulted in the treatment of six staff members at Mercy Regional

Health Center. Steve According Galitzer, director of the department of Environmental Health and Safety, the hospital received a call at 2:16 p.m. reporting the spill.

'We received the call at 2:16. We got there around 2:30 and we were finished right at 5 o'clock," Galitzer said, when describing the

cleanup process. Even though it took almost three hours, that was not an unusually long time according to Scott French, deputy chief of operations for the Manhattan Fire Department.

Reports given to Galitzer by Mosier Hall staff indicate that a College of Veterinary Medicine faculty member was carrying a 9-pound bottle of nitric acid in a second-floor laboratory. That size of bottle is the standard size for acids, which Galitzer said is roughly a gallon.

"I understand that [the laboratory personnel] went through the door and either hit the door frame or went

to set it down on the floor and it hit the floor," Galitzer said. "We're in the process of finding all that right now."

Earline Dikeman, director of undergraduate laboratories, said that nitric acid is a compound made of one hydrogen atom, one nitrogen atom and three oxygen

Dikeman said nitric acid is dangerous because it reacts with protein in skin. This reaction is what causes the chemical burns associated with a nitric acid spill.

Galitzer said a crucial part of the cleanup process was minimizing the damage that the acid could inflict by quarantining it into a small area to prevent it from leaking to other areas.

"Nitric acid is strong oxidizing acid," he said. "What our goal is is to keep it from spreading any bigger than it is, then to reduce the hazard, but neutralizing the acid."

French said isolation is the fire department's first goal as well.

Not only is the chemi-cal itself dangerous, but the cleanup can be dangerous as well. Members of both the EHS and the MFD wore respirators.

French said each mask is tested to fit the wearer to ensure that nothing harmful

goes into the mask. Before the clean-up started, French said the air system in the building had

been shut off so that the hazardous gas would not spread.

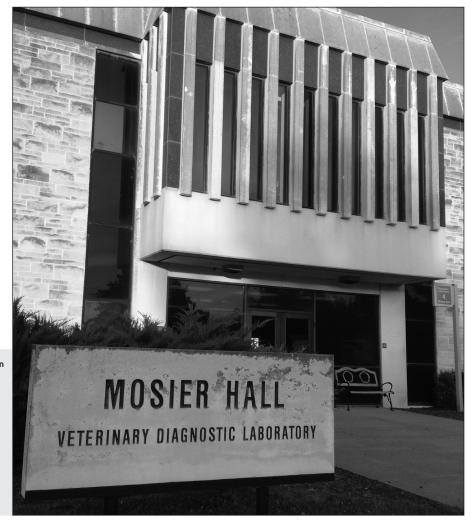
"We had already laid down absorbent material but it had to be mixed in it. The mixture causes a reaction," Galitzer said. "We can get hazardous clouds of gas coming from the mixture. They mix the absorbent material and the acid together until no more reactions occurred?

Galitzer said the floors in the building are terrazzo floors and that the acid discolored and created a rough spot in the floor where the spill happened.

"We don't make it look pretty," Galitzer said. "We just take care of the hazard."

Andy Rao | Collegian

Mosier Hall was the site of a nitric acid spill last Friday. Although several staff members were sent to the hospital, the Manhattan Fire Department and members of the K-State Environmental Health and Safety team were able to contain and clean up the spill.



RCPD seeking help to uncover facts in 1977 homicide case

news editor

The Riley County Police Department is now reinvestigating a 1977 murder case after a witness came forward to officers with details about

the murder of Warren "Tiger" Lewis, according to a press statement released by the RCPD on May 31.

Lewis's body was initially found on Aug. 4, 1977, at North Crest Trailer Park in Manhattan, formerly located in the Hunter's Island area south of Manhattan.

After speaking with the witness, officers have identified a person of interest and are looking to speak to the exwife of Dewayne Murrell, also known as "Ćornbocker." The

RCPD believes that Murrell passed away in the 1980s.

Murrell's ex-wife, whose name is believed to be Wynonna, might have had an uncle named Dennis White who is thought to have passed away several months ago. She is be-

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RCPD has asked The anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of this woman or other facts about this case to call Detective Runyan at 785-537-2112,

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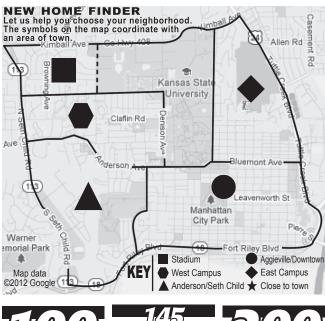
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SUMMER FUN

Summer courses offer flexibility, boost local economy

Dillon Fairchild

When many people think of summer, they imagine hot Kansas afternoons, long evenings and the rest and relaxation that summer break brings along with it. However, for many students, the off-time that summer brings presents a valuable opportunity — the chance to take summer classes.

There are a variety of reasons why students may choose to take a summer course. Students who are facing a potentially difficult semester may choose to knock out one or more of their upcoming classes over the summer, allowing them to balance their workloads.

Another reason one might choose to enroll in summer classes, according to the College of Arts and Sciences, is to boost their

Since summer grades are added to the previous semester's grades, summer classes could potentially become a second chance, in which high summer grades would provide the necessary averages to maintain scholarship eligibility or avoid academic probation.

"Summer courses are an incredible opportunity [for students] to catch up or enhance their K-State GPAs," said Pat Bosco, vice president of student life and dean of students.

Bosco also praised the summer instructors and recognized the versatility of the summer classes and the ability to meet various students' needs.

"The faculty is incredible, and they recognize that students will have different needs in the summer than they do in the fall," Bosco said. "We meet these needs by offering a variety of course types, such as eight-week programs, six-



Kristin McCormick, senior in life science and gerontology, **James Arpin**, junior in biology, and **Katy Shadrick**, senior in biology, listen to Sue Zschoche, associate professor of history, in Eisenhower 226 on Monday during the first day of Social History of Medicine.

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Pat Bosco vice president of student life and dean

of students week programs, intersession courses and more." One K-State student

discussed her own reason

for taking summer classes. Lizzie Snell, senior in fine arts, said she took Figure Drawing II because it was the best fit for her schedule.

The class that I took this summer is one that all the students in my major have to take, but it has a very limited enrollment," Snell said. "Taking it over the summer allows students who were unable to enlist in it the chance to stay on pace with their required courses."

While many students who choose to work through the summer months might fear that taking summer

classes would prevent them from holding a job, there are many job opportunities available in Manhattan during the summer months.

Jobs such as laboratory research or off-campus work all can provide ways to make money that are often flexible and willing to work with students who have to plan their schedules around summer classes.

One aspect of staying in Manhattan for summer courses that many students might not consider is the atmosphere of Manhattan

While the number of

students that are enrolled in on-campus summer coursework is, according to Bosco, not predicted to change much from last year, there is no arguing that there are drastically fewer students on campus in the summer than during the fall or spring sessions. For students who want a quieter and more relaxed atmosphere, this may be another draw toward taking

summer coursework. Also noteworthy is the impact of the students who choose summer classes on the entire Manhattan community. While it might not be a factor in most students' decisions for summer plans, the presence of students during Manhattan's quiet summer months puts money back into the community and the surrounding area.

Randy Sievers, self-employed barber at the Randy local Wildcat Barber Shop, weighed in on the matter.

"Å huge part of our business comes from students, so when summer comes and everyone leaves we really miss them," Sievers said. "It's great that some students choose to stay up here over the summer."

VENUS | Spectators experience pleasure of science together

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system was Earth "because it's special."

Jessica Gokey, Manhattan resident, came out to see the transit with a group of friends, including James Coover, graduate student in agronomy, and Katheryn Douglass, sophomore in biological systems administration. The friends took turns observing the transit

through welding goggles. "I thought it would be cool to come check it out," Gokey

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Douglass said she had come out for the "pleasure of science" and was pleased to see such a large group of people attend the event.

"It's great that we have the community involved," Douglass said. "I wish we had more community involvement."

The transit of Venus was important to scientists in the 18th and 19th centuries because it helped them to better understand the size of the solar

system. Sorensen said early scien-

tists had no idea how big the solar system was, let alone the universe, so just being able to better understand the relationship between the Earth and Sun helped a lot.

Enjoying science is not just for scientists, but for everyone, Sorensen said. K-State brings artists and plays for people to enjoy just for fun and people should be able to appreciate events like the transit of Venus for fun, he said.

"We should all have the intellectual curiosity to explore them both," Sorensen said.

SUNSET | Magpie, snow leopard, sloth bear to join zoo tamily

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hibit in June," Casey said. "Barring a clean bill of health from the veterinarians, a Red-billed Blue Magpie should be out on exhibit early this summer following the completion of

the quarantine process, and a male sloth bear has arrived to join the female, Thelma, after the initial 30-day quarantine process.

All of these new additions to the zoo are beneficial for the zoo's future longevity. Casey said the zoo would not exist without the extensive support the community has provided.

"We simply cannot thank the community enough for their steadfast support," Casey said. "These facilities are truly a testament to their dedication to all things Sunset Zoo."

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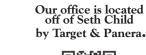
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